

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 101. Applicant appreciates the discussions with Examiner related to the rejections and claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections with respect to the claims in light of the amendments with the following remarks.

Claim objections

Claim 15 is amended per the suggestion. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 101

The Office action rejects the independent claims 1, 10, and 16 essentially because “it is unclear how adapting a stage of the clock can reduce power consumption”. Applicant has amended these independent claims to include “to operate with less power consumption” to clarify the claims. Applicant respectfully argues that the context of the specification and the claims clearly describe the meaning of “adapt[ation of] a stage of the clock and data recovery loop circuit to operate with less power consumption” in practical applications to provide useful, concrete, and tangible results. The specification describes ways to reduce power consumption, the preambles of the independent claims describe reduction of power consumption, and now the limitations of the claims indicate operation with less power consumption. Furthermore, the dependent claims describe how the stage can be adapted to reduce power consumption. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Dependent Claims

Furthermore, the dependents of claims 1, 10, and 16 incorporate the limitations of claims 1, 10, and 16. Thus, Applicant respectfully argues that the dependent claims should be allowed.

Reservations

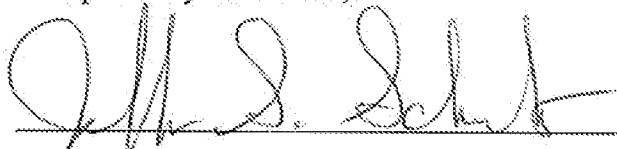
Applicant is not conceding in this application that the original claims are not patentable over the art cited by Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections in light of the rejection under 35 USC § 101. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this response constitutes a complete response to each of the issues raised in the Office action. In light of the amendments made herein and the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn, pending claims be allowed, and application advance toward issuance. If a discussion might expedite allowance of the claims, the undersigned attorney requests a telephone conference at (512) 288-6635.

A petition for an extension and the corresponding fee submitted herewith. No other fees are believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 09-0447 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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